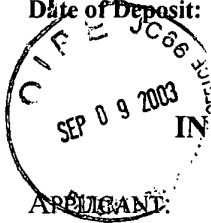


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO MARCH 11, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2003 (Paper No. 23). A check in the amount of \$465.00 is enclosed to cover the petition fee for a three month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). With the extension, these documents are due on or before September 11, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 20349-543). Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.